

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	09/30/15
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	10/13/15
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	All
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Mental Health
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Approval to execute a Service Agreement with Mental Health America of Los Angeles (MHALA) for the provision of the Intensive Mental Health Recovery Specialist (IMHRS) Core Training Program. This training will provide an opportunity for up to 180 individuals interested in employment to become qualified applicants for mental health recovery specialist positions within the Los Angeles County public mental health system.
<b>PROGRAM</b>	This program provide training to approximately 180 individuals interested in becoming mental health recovery specialists within the Los Angeles County public mental health system.
<b>DEADLINES</b>	None
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	The TCA for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 is \$336,000, fully funded by State Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) revenue. Funding for this agreement is included in the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget. Funding for future years will be requested through DMH's annual budget request process, subject to availability of funding. There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Board approval of the proposed actions will allow the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to execute a Service Agreement with MHALA for the provision of the IMHRS Core Training Program.
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</b>  (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; and prior accomplishments.)	<p>Based on a public mental health workforce survey, one identified workforce gap was the relatively small number of non-clinical recovery staff that provide services critical to the recovery process.</p> <p>The IMHRS Core Training Program supports the goals of MHSA Workforce Education and Training Plan's vision to recruit and develop a culturally and linguistically competent workforce that is able to provide competent mental health services to unserved and underserved communities.</p> <p>As members of a multidisciplinary team, mental health recovery specialists are important to the consumer's recovery process.</p>
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